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THE FOLLOWING LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM SR. JORGE C. AGUINIGA ND MR. THOMAS E. MCLAIN, PROJECT CHAIRMAN AND WORLD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. LETTER QUOTED IN FULL IN ORDER TO OUTLINE SIGNIFICANCE OF ASSIGNMENT TO CURRENT STATE DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES. ATTENTION SPECIFICALLY INVITED TO PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7. BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR POLICY INPUT FROM DEPARTMENT. RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THIS INPUT BE SOLICITED AND THAT I BE PROVIDED WITH THIS MATERIAL SOONEST IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE IN SPEECH NOW IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT HERE. I HAVE TEXTS OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT EACH STOP DURING LATIN AMERICAN TOUR. WILL PLAN TO DRAW FROM THESE ALSO. YOUR HELP APPRKIATED. LETTER FOLLOWS.

"APRIL 8, 1976. HIS EXCELLENCY PHILLIP VICTOR SANCHEZ, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO HONDURAS, UNITED STATES EMBASSY, TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS. EXCELLENCY: THIS LETTER WILL SERVE TO FORMALIZE OUR INVITATION CONVEYED TO YOU THROUGH DR. JUAN DE LA GUERRA BARRATT TO HAVE YOU JOIN US AS A FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE SEMINAR, 'THE CENTURY OF THE PACIFIC: FOCUS ON LATIN AMERICA,' ON MAY 18, 1976.

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"ON MARCH 2, 3 AND 4, 1976, THE LOS ANGELES JUNIOR CHAMBER

OF COMMERCE INITIATED A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES UNDER THE THEME, 'THE CENTURY OF THE PACIFIC,' FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING THE CONCEPT OF THE PACIFIC BASIN AS THE MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE NEXT CENTURY.

"THE CONFERENCE WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND, IN PARTICULAR, BY OUR GUESTS FROM THE TOKYO JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE ADDRESSES BY OUR HONORED GUESTS, INCLUDING THE HONORABLE JAMES H. HODGSON, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, AND THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER I. ZINCHUK, CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, MADE THE CONFERENCE A MOST MEMORABLE EVENT.

"WHILE THE CONFERENCE FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON THE ROLES OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT A COMPLETE ASSESSMENT OF THE CONCEPT OF 'THE CENTURY OF THE PACIFIC' MUST ENCOMPASS THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE PACIFIC BASIN WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA. TO THIS END, THE WORLD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE JUNIOR CHAMBER HAS DECIDED TO SPONSOR A SERIES OF SPECIALIZED SEMINARS TO EXAMINE IN DETAIL THE OTHER VARIOUS SPHERES OF INFLUENCE IN THE PACIFIC BASIN.

"THE FIRST SUCH SEMINAR WILL FOCUS ON LATIN AMERICA AND HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 18, 1976, TO COINCIDE WITH THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD TRADE WEEK. AS IN THE FIRST CONFERENCE, WE HAVE INVITED HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA, AS WELL AS WELL-KNOWN ACADEMIC FIGURES AND EXPERTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS ON THIS TIMELY TOPIC.

"IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THIS UNDERTAKING, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT THE COMMENTS FROM AN OFFICIAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S RECENT TOUR OF LATIN AMERICA HAS GENERATED A NUMBER OF ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, FOR EXAMPLE, BELIEVE THAT THE RENEWED CONCERN FOR LATIN AMERICA IS AN INDICATION THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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IS EMBARKING ON A NEW POLICY OF ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY WITH THESE NATIONS. THE PRIVATE SECTOR, IN PARTICULAR, IS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THIS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A SIGN OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR INVESTMENT IN THE AREA.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, SEVERAL OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF LATIN AMERICA HAVE EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT AS TO HOW THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP CAN BE ESTABLISHED IN VIEW OF WHAT THEY CONSIDER

TO BE MORE RESTRICTIVE POLICIES, SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES TRADE ACT OF 1974. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU SHARE WITH US YOUR VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES. WE ANTICIPATE A LARGE AND SOPHISTICATED AUDIENCE AND FEEL THAT YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE WELL RECEIVED.

"WE ANTICIPATE THAT WORLD TRADE WEEK WILL BE ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS OF THE YEAR IN LOS ANGELES. THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ALL OF THE OTHER GROUPS IN THE CITY INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARE COORDINATING THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE THE WEEK A GREAT SUCCESS. DIRECT MAILINGS WILL GO OUT TO OVER 80,000 LOCAL BUSINESSMEN.

"IN ADDITION TO OUR COORDINATED EFFORTS WITH THE WORLD TRADE WEEK COMMITTEE, THE JUNIOR CHAMBER, THE LARGEST IN THE UNITED STATES, HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT BY PROMOTING IT WITH THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTY ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. OUR SEMINAR WILL BE A FEATURED EVENT DURING THE WEEK, WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT FORUM FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES TOWARD TRADE WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT OUR INVITATION AND JOIN US IN EXAMINING THE CONCEPT OF 'THE CENTURY OF THE PACIFIC: FOCUS ON LATIN AMERICA.'

"WE WILL AWAIT A CALL FROM YOUR OFFICE TO CONFIRM OUR INVITATION AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING OUR PROPOSED PROGRAM OF EVENTS. VERY TRULY YOURS, (SIGNED) JORGE C. AGUINIGA, PROJECT CHAIRMAN AND THOMAS E. MCLAIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. CARBON COPY: DR. JUAN DE LA GUERRA BARRETT. "END QUOTE.

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